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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

I am writing this letter to colleagues in all of the medical schools in the United States and in some related institutions in the hope that each of you will initiate a discussion within your faculty concerning the following proposal:

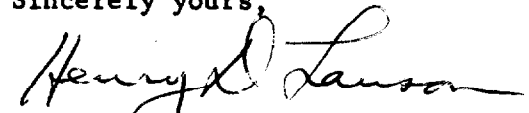
I propose that faculty members from every medical school converge on Washington according to a coordinated plan. If, on the same day, every Representative and Senator in the Congress were visited by one or more faculty members from medical schools in their state or region and given the simple facts of the financial plight of the medical schools--a plight which among the schools ranges from merely major inconvenience to a state of desperation and near-bankruptcy, if at the same time delegations of Deans and distinguished Professors were to visit the President, Secretary Finch, Dr. Egeberg and the Chairmen of the concerned House and Senate Committees and Subcommittees, and, finally, if all of these visits were accorded appropriate press and television coverage, then--perhaps--some emergency action might be forthcoming in this session of Congress.

An appeal for funds (a) to support medical education (at a time when everyone wants more doctors to be trained) and (b) to restore at least a major part of the cuts in research funds, made in this way directly to the Congress and Administration with dignified but effective publicity, is almost the last hope of some of our schools for getting the help they need to survive and of all schools for doing the kind of job their faculties want them to do.

If this proposal catches fire (very soon, I hope), our Deans ought to be able to assist in coordinating the effort.

Will you help?

Sincerely yours,



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Professor and Chairman

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